

OUR LINCOLN LETTER

Closing Days of the Legislature

The impression that the Thirty-third session of the legislature was going to accomplish nothing in the way of advanced legislation is inevitable in these closing days. It is inevitable that such an impression should be prevalent when, after three months of hard work, more measures are killed than are enacted, and for the last fortnight many measures of great importance are in an unfinished condition. No matter what the theory is, it is impossible to get the big things done early in the session. Bills of local or small interest may be gotten out of the way during the first month or so, but the members are loth to give their final opinion on the great questions until the stress of closing time forces action. Those who have watched the Nebraska law-making bodies for years remark that the closing days this session are marked with less hysteria than usual. Business is being generally dispatched in a business-like way, and the effort to resurrect bills that have fallen by the wayside has not proven successful.

Years from now the passage of the Code insurance bill will be heralded as one of the marked achievements of the thirty-third session. No law that has been enacted in recent years has had more thought and careful consideration by the best minds in the state. And yet it is not improbable that the feeling over the state is not unanimous in favor of the law. This is due to the false impressions that have been spread by the insurance companies opposing the measure and their hirelings of the newspapers. Not one of the big daily papers of the state have openly favored the bill, and many of the writers have maligned the men who have been foremost in the fight for insurance reform. In the first place, the insurance department will be taken from the state auditor and will be placed under the control of an insurance commission, which will be authorized to select an expert insurance man for secretary of the board; state companies, referring more particularly to life companies, will be compelled to make annual settlement with policy holders and along scientific lines. Mutual and fraternal companies will not be affected by the law in the way of depositing reserves with the state, but the method whereby mutual companies may change to stock companies is fixed to reserve to the members of the company their proportion of the profits of past business and to necessitate a referendum vote before the change of management. It also leaves an opening for fraternal associations which feel aggrieved at the management of the national officers to revolt and organize a state lodge along lines that shall be determined by referendum vote. Those who seem to know the most about the new insurance code agree that the law is drawn in the interest of the policy holders rather than in the interest of the insurance companies.

One of the big fights of the session came to a close when the house approved the senate bill providing that Omaha may still continue to operate its municipal water plant, to the exclusion of rival, privately owned corporations. The question of municipal ownership of public utilities was involved.

The Blue Sky law, prescribing conditions under which promoters of mining properties and such uncertain investments may operate in the state, has been passed.

A law permitting the sterilization of persons with criminal-insane tendencies has been enacted. The legislators proceeded on the theory that it is easier to prevent crime than to cure it. It is a big expense to care for the mentally and morally deformed children who are brought into the world against their will and with a heritage of imbecility, insanity and crime.

The corporations made a terrific fight against the passage of the Greuber anti-discrimination bill. It provides that line elevators, line lumber yards, creameries, etc., may not charge different prices at different places in order to ruin independent rival concerns.

As this is written the first of the week, the question of university removal is still in the air. Advocates of removal insist that the seat of learning can be moved cheaper than the campus can be enlarged on the down-town site.

The bill providing for a publicity department for the state, and making an appropriation therefor, has been defeated. It was advocated by the State Press at the last annual meeting and had many friends until a representative of the Omaha Commercial Club became so active as to arouse the suspicion of the members that there were sinister motives back of its interest. It is freely stated that one man is responsible for the defeat of the measure.

By the time this is being read by the subscribers of the Thursday weeklies of the state of Nebraska, legislature will be about on the point of adjourning. Wednesday is now the day fixed for shutting up shop, but it is certain that the session will run over into Thursday or Friday, or possibly Saturday. Most of the members are staying until the final fall of the gavel and in this respect are doing much better than usual.

In respect to the number of bills introduced, the number of investigating committees appointed and the amount of record made in the two branches this session will far exceed any previous session of the legislature.

Newspaper men who had hoped for the submission of a large number of constitutional amendments before the next election are going to be disappointed. There will probably be

four amendments and all will be short ones.

The appropriation bills are at this writing not agreed upon as between the senate and the house. The disposition is to cut them down materially.

There will be no election in Nebraska this fall. County officers will hold this time for three year terms and a new arrangement will be made for the future election of township officers.

WASHINGTON LETTER

The Democratic Tariff Bill Will Put Some of the Burden on the Rich

BY CLYDE H. TAVENNER, Member of Congress.

Special to The Alliance Herald. Washington, April 15.—The democratic tariff bill, now pending in congress, proposes to take some of the tax off of such articles as woolens, cottons, sugar, meat and lumber, and to make up for the loss of revenue by taxing the incomes of the wealthy.

Under the Payne-Aldrich law the hats, coats and shirts of the masses are taxed almost 71 per cent., while men like John D. Rockefeller having an annual income of \$50,000,000 a year have not been required to pay a single penny of taxation to the national government on their swollen fortunes.

It goes without saying that the Sugar Trust, the Woolen Trust, the Lumber Trust, and the Beef Trust, will condemn the new tariff bill as class legislation. They were never heard to complain however of class legislation when it hit the other fellow.

The masses of the people produce the wealth, and by legislative advantage a few get possession of it, and now these few object to the transfer to wealth of even the amount of taxation derived from the tariff on woolens, cottons, sugar, meat and lumber, which are but a few of several thousand items on which the masses are now paying a tax.

The Income Tax

Under the Income Tax provision those having an income of more than \$4,000 must pay a tax of one per cent., on his income in excess of the exempted \$4,000. For instance, a man having an income of \$4,100 would pay a tax of \$1; a man having an income of \$5,000 would pay a tax of \$10; \$10,000, \$60; \$100,000, \$2,250; \$1,000,000, \$38,250.

"Wilson Has Made Good"

Woodrow Wilson has already made good as president of the United States. You may verify this from the first man you meet in the street, regardless of his political creed, race or color. It seems to be in the air everywhere. The people appear to understand that Woodrow Wilson is on the job in Washington, working carefully, courageously and conscientiously, in their interest, and they stand ready to hold up his hand as often as he may need the backing of the public sentiment.

President Wilson's action in reading his message to the members of congress face to face is being applauded everywhere. Here is the story of the president's visit to the Capitol, told in minutes:

- 12:42. Cabinet meeting adjourns.
- 12:45. President departs for the Capitol.
- 12:53. Reaches Capitol.
- 12:54. Received in Speaker's room.
- 12:59. On dais of the House.
- 1:00. Begins speech.
- 1:08. Finishes speech.
- 1:11. Dons coat in Speaker's room.
- 1:12. Enters auto.
- 1:18. Reaches White House executive office.

Thus it took but 33 minutes to smash a precedent of 112 years.

By Robt. F. Wilson

Washington, April 15.—The swearing in of Clyde H. Tavenner of Cordova, Illinois, as the representative in congress of the Fourteenth Illinois District, was as much of a triumph for Mrs. Tavenner as it was for the young newspaper man himself.

It is a fact that Mrs. Tavenner worked as hard in the campaign to elect her husband as Tavenner did himself. Furthermore, she knew how to work effectively in his interest. Before her marriage, Mrs. Tavenner had for three years been private secretary to United States Senator Robert M. LaFollette of Wisconsin.

Mrs. Tavenner is 21 years old, her congressman husband is 31. Tavenner has been a newspaper man at the National Capitol during the sessions of congress for four years. He knows every member of congress personally, and the fact that he has been writing an article a day for four years, has quite naturally resulted in his acquiring much valuable and useful information on the tariff and other subjects. Mrs. Tavenner says her husband is a progressive of the LaFollette type, and Tavenner replies that it is not necessary for anyone to prove it, that he admits it.

"Senator LaFollette is a republican, or at least insists that he is a republican," says Mrs. Tavenner, "while Mr. Tavenner is a democrat. Yet so far as I can make out they seem to take almost identically the same viewpoints of the big issues confronting the people."

"Of course I wasn't responsible for Mr. Tavenner's election. I helped in every way I could, however. My husband and I work together in everything. I can take shorthand dictation quite rapidly, and can run the typewriter pretty fast, so you see, that, together with my experience with Senator LaFollette, makes it possible for me to make myself pretty useful to my husband. It is a pleasure for me to help him. Now that he is elected, I take just as much interest in what he does for his district as he does himself. We both appreciate deeply that the people of the Fourteenth District believe in us and trust us to represent them faithfully, and we are working day and night to make good."

Mrs. Tavenner was one of the spectators in the galleries when her husband was sworn in.

The oath of office was administered to Tavenner by Speaker Champ Clark, which in itself is a rather remarkable coincidence, in view of the fact that Speaker Clark was the first who recognized Tavenner's ability as a writer and who has been a steadfast friend ever since.

Tavenner received what he deems was his most valuable education while acting type "at the case" in a country newspaper office for four years while a boy. He later conceived the idea that he wanted to write articles on the great issues under his own name, and he went to Washington. His articles were so independent in character that at first no newspaper would publish them. Champ Clark was attracted to the articles, looked Tavenner up, found him working in a hall bedroom and was so impressed that he decided to help him.

SPANISH WAR VETERANS WILL GATHER IN OMAHA

Omaha, Neb., April 16.—United Spanish War Veterans will gather in Omaha April 27 and 28 to attend the Annual Reunion of the organization. This year's meeting promises to be one of the largest in the history of the organization. The various camps in the state are planning to send representative delegations, which will participate in the two days' session.

The committee on entertainment has requested that all members of the Association make an effort to induce the other veteran to attend the meetings and to join the association. An effort is being made to get the name of every Spanish War veteran in the state to swell the membership list.

The Bureau of Publicity has sent out invitations to fifteen hundred Spanish War veterans, urging them to attend the meeting.

OMAHA'S DAMAGED HOMES RAPIDLY BEING RESTORED

Omaha, Neb., April 16.—The work of restoration of Omaha's tornado stricken district is going rapidly along. Under the personal direction of C. C. Rosewater, chairman of the operating committee, rapid progress along systematic lines has been made. To date, thirty-five homes at an average cost of \$254 have been restored, while ten additional homes have been repaired through the cooperation of the Relief Committee. One hundred and sixty families, who were renters, have been provided for. New homes have been furnished, the rent paid in advance, and the houses completely outfitted from the basement to the bed rooms. In many instances, the recipients are in much more comfortable circumstances than before the tornado. Every case that has been assisted has been worthy and the relief given only after thorough investigation.

1,881 families have been given food and provisions since the tornado. Many of these are yet being taken care of by the Relief Committee, which is attempting to put them on a self-supporting basis as fast as time will permit.

A visit to the tornado district today, occasions much discussion, so complete has been the restoration work. While many evidences of the storm remain, yet the wonderful change has excited the favorable comment to out of town visitors. "It's the Omaha and Nebraska spirit," visitors say. "That explains it."

EMERICK BUYS ABSTRACT BUSINESS

J. D. Emerick, Alliance's popular city clerk, has purchased the abstract business and books of F. E. Reddish. This is the only set of abstract books in Box Butte county and the business, which is prosperous, is constantly growing as the titles to Box Butte county property change hands.



Mr. Emerick has lived in Alliance for twelve years and is well liked. He will begin serving his third term as city clerk the first of the coming municipal year. He took possession of the abstract business on the 15th of the month and will continue to have his office in the McCorkle building.

The Herald turned out a fine line of stationery for Mr. Emerick this week, which will be used in his new business.

LIKES ALLIANCE

J. E. LaShar, president of the LaShar Investment Company, a big Denver real estate concern, was in Alliance a week ago, looking over this section of the country with the view of investing here. He was very much impressed with the country and Alliance, returning here again the first of the week. The LaShar Investment Company owns a big addition to the city of Denver which will be placed on the market soon. They have handled several thousand Denver lots and have been very successful. The addition which they are now preparing to market is well located and very desirable.

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I will sell at public auction, at the Checkered Front Barn in Alliance, on **Sat., April 26, 1913** commencing at 1 p. m., the following described property:

21 Head of Horses

- 2 horses well broke, 7 and 9 years old, weight about 1,200 pounds each.
- 1 work mare in foal, about 1,100 pounds.
- 2 work mares in foal, about 1,000 pounds each.
- 4 young unbroken mares, three in foal.
- 6 colts coming two years old.
- 5 colts coming one year old.
- 1 buggy horse, ten years old.

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